

## LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Labor/Economic Development

Thursday, May 20, 2010

3:03 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

**Present:**  
**Chair:** CM Butler  
**Vice Chair:** CM Downard  
**Members:** CM Peden, CM King (3:07PM) & CM Tandy (3:10PM)

Chairwoman Butler began the meeting by announcing the members of the committee that were present.  
A quorum established.

### Pending Legislation

- 1- O-92-05-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (LMCO) SECTIONS 38.09(A) and 38.80(A)(2) RELATING TO ABANDONED PROPERTY CLASSIFIED AS REAL PROPERTY IN THE URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT.

**Status:** In-Committee  
**Committee:** Labor & Economic Development  
**Primary Sponsor:** Kelly Downard

Motion to approve made by James Peden and seconded by Kelly Downard

**Discussion:** Bill O'Brien, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, and Tony Lindauer, Property Valuation Administrator, spoke. The enabling statute under KRS restricts this type of classification to predominantly urban setting, because the small cities and unincorporated areas would not be in the Urban Services District. This is a legal recommendation to institute this change and to be in compliance. Currently there are 1,084 Abandoned Urban Properties. The following was discussed:

- Abandoned property in the suburban areas
  - Would require a statutory change
  - PVA working with County Attorney's Office in cases where the property is abandoned due to death and there is not a will
    - To be processed to the State and potentially sold at the Court House
    - Goal to rehabilitate the property and sell
- Process to address the property in case of absentee owner
- Property Evaluation Review
- Landbank Authority acquiring abandoned property
- Definition of urban
- Imposing the ordinance on abandoned property
- Property liens

The ordinance was approved.

VOTING RESULTS - For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: David Tandy, Jim King, Marianne Butler, Kelly Downard, James Peden

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

The ordinance was sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

2. O-99-05-10 AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (APRIL 27, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2013) RELATING TO WAGES, BENEFITS AND OTHER TERMS AND

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AND LOUISVILLE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL UNION 345, IAFF AFL-CIO-CLC FOR AND ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYEES IN THE LOUISVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**Status:** In-Committee  
**Committee:** Labor & Economic Development  
**Primary Sponsor:** Marianne Butler

Motion to approve made by James Peden and seconded by Jim King

**Discussion:** CW Butler stated this was the bargaining agreement as settled and voted on by the members of the Firefighters Union.

The ordinance was approved.

VOTING RESULTS - For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: David Tandy, Jim King, Marianne Butler, Kelly Downard, James Peden

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: (None)

The ordinance was sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

3- O-100-05-10 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF FORGIVABLE LOANS, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 54, SERIES 2009, TO LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY, NEW DIRECTIONS HOUSING CORPORATION, REBOUND, INC., AND RIVER CITY HOUSING, INC. FOR THE ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, AND MARKETING OF PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM CENSUS TRACTS.

**Status:** In-Committee  
**Committee:** Labor & Economic Development  
**Primary Sponsor:** Cheri Bryant Hamilton

Motion to Approve made by James Peden and seconded by Kelly Downard

**Discussion:** David Howard, Department of Housing and Family Services, stated the ordinance is for forgivable loans made to development partners, which are above \$150,000. The loan would be used to purchase and rehabilitate property, as well as market and sell those properties. The following was discussed:

- Through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program \$6.9 million was awarded
  - Divided among the development partners
    - Maximum to any one partner is \$1 million
- Sites are located in 14 Census Tracts
  - Geared toward foreclosed properties in those tracts
  - Developers recommend the properties of interest and Housing Authority gives approval to move forward on those locations
- Proceeds from the sale go back into the community to do more houses
  - Recycling the proceeds to continue the program
  - Developer fees
- Primary objective of the stabilization program is to avoid deterioration of the neighborhood

The committee requested a copy of the map of the census tracts before the next Metro Council meeting.

The ordinance was approved.

For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 2

For: Jim King, Marianne Butler, Kelly Downard

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: David Tandy, James Peden

The ordinance was sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

Chairwoman Butler stated the next scheduled meeting for June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be cancelled and a rescheduled Special meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim King; without objection the meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on May 27, 2010.**

**KLP**